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SUBJECT: INDO- BANGLADESHI JOINT RESOLUTION

REF: NEW DELHI 4508

1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT REFTEL LATE AFTERNOON APRIL 17, AND AFTER PHONE CALL FROM GONSALVES, AMBASSADOR MEYER TELEPHONED PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR SULTAN KHAN RE INDO-BANGLADESH DECLARATION. SULTAN KHAN, WHO HAD JUST READ TEXT, SAID HE VIEWED DECLARATION AS "RAY OF HOPE", PARTICULARLY SINCE IT DE- LINKED REPATRIATION AND RECOGNITION.

2. PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR WENT ON SAY THAT WHILE DECLARATION IS DISTINCT ADVANCE, HE FORESAW TWO PROBLEMS: A) INCLUSION OF BIHARIS AMONG PROPOSED REPATRIATES AND B) CONTINUED PAKISTAN WITH EXCESSIVE BURDEN. RE WAR CRIMES TRIALS, HE INSISTED THAT PAST GOP INDICATIONS THAT SMALL
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NUMBER COULD BE TRIED WAS CONDITIONAL ON TRIALS BEING HELD IN PAKISTAN. HE ACKNOWLEDGED PAKS HAD SAID THIS WAS AN ISSUE TO BE NEGOTIATED.

3. IN COURSE CONVERSATION, AMBASSADOR MEYER NOTED THAT WE HAD HOPED THAT AFTER BANGLADESH ELECTIONS MOVE OF THIS

CHARACTER WOULD, AS IT HAS, EVENTUATE. HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT DECISION BY BANGLADESH TO ABANDON DEMAND FOR RECOGNITION AS PREREQUISITE TO REPATRIATION OF POWS IS HEARTENING AND HOPED THAT IT MIGHT PROVIDE BASIS FOR FURTHER ADVANCES, POSSIBLY LEADING TO ANOTHER INDO- PAK MEETING. SULTAN KHAN REPLIED THAT IT CLEAR THAT DECLARATION WOULD RECEIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AND WAS CONFIDENT THAT DOOR WOULD BE KEPT OPEN. ROGERS

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